

No.

9600244



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

## Asgrow Seed Company LLC

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

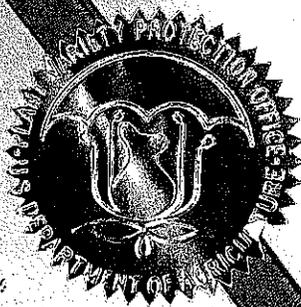
AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR OFFERING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'A2247'

*In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.*



Attest

Acting Commissioner  
Plant Variety Protection Office  
Agricultural Marketing Service

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
 SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) ASGROW SEED COMPANY, LLC		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER AP2247Y AI2247		3. VARIETY NAME A2247	
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 7089-248-23 <del>2605 East Kilgore Road</del> Kalamazoo, MI 49001 634 East Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010 JH 18 Jan 2001		5. TELEPHONE (include area code) 616-384-5548		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9600244 DATE 4-30-96 FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE 2450.00 DATE 4-26-96 CERTIFICATION FEE 320.00 DATE 10/2/00	
		6. FAX (include area code) 616-384-5652			
7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max		8. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae			
9. CROP KIND NAME (Common name) Soybean					
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name) Corporation					
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware			12. DATE OF INCORPORATION March 22, 1968		
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS <del>Dr. Donald Steffen</del> <del>Wayne Hoener, 7089 248 23</del> <del>Asgrow Seed Company</del> <del>2605 East Kilgore Road</del> <del>Kalamazoo, MI 49002 1744</del> Monsanto 634 E. Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010 JH 6/5/00				14. TELEPHONE (include area code) 616-384-5548 608-755-1777	
				15. FAX (include area code) 616-384-5652 608-755-0128	
16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow instructions on reverse)					
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voucher Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository) g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (Mail to PVPO)					
17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act?) <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," answer Items 18 and 19 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If "no," go to item 20)					
18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> FOUNDATION <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTERED <input type="checkbox"/> CERTIFIED		
20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES (If "yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO					
21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate.					
The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.					
Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.					
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) 			SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) 		
NAME (Please print or type) Wayne Hoener			NAME (Please print or type) Alan K. Walker		
CAPACITY OR TITLE Soybean Product Manager		DATE 4/3/96		CAPACITY OR TITLE Director Soybean Research	
				DATE 4/3/96	

ASGROW SEED COMPANY  
 PVP APPLICATION A2247 SOYBEAN  
 April, 1996

EXHIBIT A  
 ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF A2247

- 1989 Cross W891843 was made in Janesville, Wisconsin.  
 Parentage: P91111\*XP3299
- 1989-90 F1 and F2 generation was grown near Isabela,  
 Puerto Rico and advanced using modified pedigree  
 selection.
- 1990 F3 bulk populations were grown in Redwood Falls,  
 Minnesota, and single plants pulled.
- 1991 F3 derived plant rows were grown at Redwood Falls,  
 Minnesota. Progeny row A91-06755 was selected based on  
 agronomic characteristics.
- 1992 W891843 A91-06755 was entered in yield test 2P215 at 4  
 locations where it placed 2nd of 50 entries.
- 1993 W891843 A91-06755 was entered in a 9 location yield test  
 as entry 3, where it placed third of 50 entries.
- 1994 Now named AI2247, the line was entered in a company wide  
 yield test at 22 locations, where it placed fourth of  
 30 entries.
- Breeder seed was produced by compositing uniform pure  
 rows derived from F7 plants.
- 1995 Now named AP2247, the line was entered into a company  
 wide yield test at 20 locations, where it ranked 12th of  
 27 entries.

A2247 is uniform and stable within commercially  
 acceptable limits based on trial observations since  
 1991. As with other soybean varieties, variants can  
 occur for almost any characteristic during the course  
 of repeated sexual reproduction.

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EXHIBIT B  
NOVELTY STATEMENT CONCERNING A2247 SOYBEAN

To our knowledge, the soybean varieties that closely resemble A2247 are:

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Pubescence Color      | A2247 - Gray   |
|                          | A2242 - Tawny  |
|                          | P9111 - Gray   |
| 2. Hilum Color           | A2247 - Yellow |
|                          | A2242 - Gray   |
|                          | P9111 - Gray   |
| 3. Phytophthora Root Rot | A2247 - Rps1k  |
|                          | A2242 - Rps1k  |
|                          | P9111 - rps    |
| 4. Flower Color          | A2247 - purple |
|                          | A2242 - white  |
|                          | P9111 - purple |

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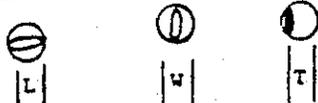
EXHIBIT C  
 (Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY  
 SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) ASGROW SEED COMPANY	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION AP2247Y, AI2247	VARIETY NAME A2247
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) 2605 East Kilgore Road 6848-248-013 Kalamazoo, MI 49001		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9600244

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,   ). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)  
 3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)  
 4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow      2 = Green      3 = Brown      4 = Black      5 = Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')      2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff      2 = Yellow      3 = Brown      4 = Gray      5 = Imperfect Black      6 = Black      7 = Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow      2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low      2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1<sup>a</sup>)      2 = Type B (SP1<sup>b</sup>)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')      2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')  
 3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')  
 4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate      2 = Oval      3 = Ovate      4 = Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

2

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')  
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

2

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')  
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

2

1 = White                      2 = Purple                      3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

2

1 = Tan                      2 = Brown                      3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

1

1 = Gray                      2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

2

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')  
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')  
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

0  5

1 = 000                      2 = 00                      3 = 0                      4 = I                      5 = II                      6 = III                      7 = IV                      8 = V  
9 = VI                      10 = VII                      11 = VIII                      12 = IX                      13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

★  0

Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

★  0

Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

★  0

Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

★  0

Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)

Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

★  0

Race 1

0 Race 2

0 Race 3

0 Race 4

0 Race 5

0 Other (Specify)

0

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)

0

Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)

0

Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

★  2

Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)

0

Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★  0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Disparthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
- 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★  2 Race 1     2 Race 2     2 Race 3     2 Race 4     2 Race 5     0 Race 6     2 Race 7
- 2 Race 8     0 Race 9     2 Other (Specify) 10-11, 13, 24

VIRAL DISEASES:

- 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★  0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★  0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★  0 Race 1     0 Race 2     0 Race 3     0 Race 4     0 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★  0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★  0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- 0 OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★  1 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varvestis*)
- 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- 0 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	A2396	Seed Coat Luster	A2396
Leaf Shape	A2396	Seed Size	A2234
Leaf Color	A2396	Seed Shape	A2396
Leaf Size	A2234	Seedling Pigmentation	A2396

## 23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

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VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
A2247 Submitted	124	1.6	89	8.8	13.9	40.9	19.2	18.9	2.7
A2242 Name of Similar Variety	126	1.7	83	8.6	13.5	40.3	19.0	15.7	2.6

## PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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EXHIBIT D  
ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

A2247 is a early maturity group II variety with Rps1k, conferring resistance to most races of phytophthora root rot. It is an excellent plant type, with better lodging resistance, emergence, and is adapted across all row widths and soil types. It has only average tolerance to iron deficiency chlorosis.

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EXHIBIT E

STATEMENT OF BASIS OF APPLICANT OWNERSHIP

A2247 was originated and developed by Mr. Roger Lussenden, an Asgrow soybean breeder. By agreement with Asgrow Seed Company, all rights to any invention, discovery or development made by employees are assigned to the company. No rights of such invention, discovery or development are returned to the employee.